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Part B for March 1943.

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Grant of financial assistance to evacuees with
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The Overseas Dept Letters are only sent for the information of this Govt and copies of the letters will be sent to the USP, DCBlon & Comptr G as was done previously. Action for favour of.

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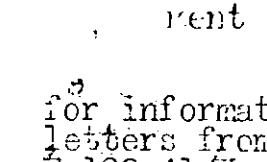
THE OFFICE OF THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE,
Bangalore, the 19th January 1943.

A copy of the undermentioned papers is forwarded to the

Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore,

for information with reference to letters from this Residency Nos. F.192-41/W and F.192-41(ii)/W, dated the 24th July 1942. PTO



By order, etc.,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

Letters from the Government of India (Department of Indians Overseas)
(i) No.F.135-1/42-O.S. dated the 1st December 1942, and
(ii) No.F.135-1/42-O.S. dated the 28th December 1942.

VH C.S.Rao

Copy of a letter from the Government of India (Department of Indians Overseas) to all Provincial Governments, No.F.135-1/42-O.S., dated the 1st December 1942.

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I am directed to refer to this Department letters No.F.135-1/42-O.S., dated July 6, 1942 and No.F.135-1/42-O.S., dated July 7, 194_ and to address you on certain matters connected with the administration of the scheme of financial assistance to evacuees and the dependants of Indians stranded in enemy occupied countries.

2. It would appear that in certain provinces the District Officers are not fully aware of the contents of the letters referred to above, and that assistance is being granted to evacuees according to the scales which were in force before July 1, 1942, under which one set of allowances had been sanctioned for European and Anglo-Indian evacuees and a different set for Indian and other Asiatic evacuees generally. The Government of India appreciate that District Officers are kept heavily preoccupied with work connected with war effort and with recent internal disturbances, but they would like to emphasise that the task of affording prompt relief without any racial discrimination to the many lakhs of destitute refugees in this country is also of the first importance. It is also important that the same scales should be followed throughout India and that, subject to variations in administrative procedure, the relief available in all provinces should be the same. It is desirable, therefore, that the Government's scheme of financial assistance to refugees should be given wide publicity and fully acted upon and everything done to remove from the public mind any impression that the Government are not in earnest.

3. It does not appear to be sufficiently widely recognised that the scheme of assistance applies also to dependants in India of Indians stranded in enemy occupied countries. The number of such dependants in India is believed to be very large and yet the cases in which assistance has been granted under the scheme appear to be very few. The Government of India would appreciate if if the importance of granting the necessary relief to this category of persons is brought to the notice of District Officers.

4. In certain provinces the provisions regarding the undertakings to repay are apparently causing some difficulty. It appears that some District Officers before granting an allowance require not only the undertaking to repay but also factual evidence that the applicant is likely to be able to repay in the near future. It is clear that the latter requirement may bear very hardly upon evacuees. Many are virtually strangers to India and the possibility of their obtaining employment and earning sufficient to enable them to repay cannot easily be judged. Indeed it may well depend upon the receipt of sufficient immediate assistance to enable them to seek employment. Many others, like very old persons and destitute women, will almost certainly never be able to repay the advances granted to them. It is not the intention of the Government of India that assistance should be withheld in such cases. Undertakings to repay should continue to be obtained in all cases in order to guard against fraudulent applications and to ensure recovery in cases where recovery may become possible; but all destitute persons should be given financial assistance even though their present and future capacity to repay may remain a matter of serious doubt. The Government of India have fully realised that a large amount of the advances now granted, particularly in the cases of the labouring and poorer classes, may have to be written off as irrecoverable, and they trust that subsistenae advances will be paid, according to the scales laid down, in all cases of genuine applications without too strict regard to the prospects of ultimate recovery. The Government of India hope shortly to produce a compilation for the use of District Officers in which the different orders on this subject will be clearly set out in an easily accessible and intelligible form. In the meantime they would be grateful if the contents of this letter are communicated to all officers administering relief to evacuees.

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Grant of financial assistance to evacuees and to families in India of British subjects detained in enemy occupied territories.

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2. Government of India presume all allowances have been subject to monthly review. Such review is particularly necessary in cases where allowances have been granted for six months or more to ascertain what efforts have been made during this period by recipients to fend for themselves.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

No. 3262-63/W. 4-2-42-14

Dated Bangalore, ...27th January 1943.

FROM

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore.
The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

Sir,

Grant of financial assistance to evacuees and to families in India of British subjects detained in enemy occupied territory.

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I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) J. Appaji Gowda,

Chief Secretary to Government.

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Copy to the Comptroller to Government.